

11a. Planning Progress

- Internet Connectivity and Use in Nebraska: A Household Survey – Survey completed March 2010, 47% response rate. Status: During 3rd quarter, survey results presented regionally and statewide.
- Business Survey. Using DED's BR&E program, businesses are being surveyed. Status: Statewide data is being collected and 16 communities involved process. Anticipate first report January 2011.
- Focus Groups. Seven to 10 focus groups will be held to gain understanding. Status: Begin 1st quarter 2011.
- Regional Planning Teams - Regional planning teams are being formed. Status: During 3rd quarter presentations were held at each of the regional groups.
- Regional Forums. Forums will be conducted regionally to present broadband mapping and mail survey results, to solicit feedback, and to kick off regional planning efforts. Status: Forums will be held in Spring 2011 after the mapping data and mail survey results are compared and analyzed.

For more details, please refer to the Q3 Supplemental Answers Document.

11b. Planning Challenges and Obstacles.

There have not been any particular challenges or obstacles to the grant efforts itself. We have a good working relationship with the Public Service Commission. Originally, we were planning to hold regional forums in the fall 2010; however, we will now be holding in late Spring 2011. This adjustment in the schedule was made to better incorporate the mapping data in the discussions.

11c. Anticipated Project Plan Changes.

At this stage there are not any anticipated changes to the current project plan other than those requested by NTIA. During the 4th quarter, the planning team members will be reviewing the timelines and goals of the entire project.